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Major rubrics:

- Top Stories from the Sudanese Press
- Articles from the International Press

Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – September 10, 2006

US-Sudan Relations

- “Foreign Minister Leaves for Washington to Deliver Message to President Bush” (Alwan)
- “Governor of New Mexico Commends The Release of the American Reporter” (Al-Ayaam)*
- “Governor of New Mexico Calls on GOS to Initiate Dialogue with Washington” (Al-Ayaam)*
- “Governor of New Mexico Praises the Response of President Al-Bashir to the Appeal for Releasing American Journalist” (Al-Intibaha)
- “Al-Bashir Directs Release of U.S. Journalist” (Sudan Vision)*
- “Sudan Agrees to release U.S. Journalist” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Delegation of U.S. Academics in the Country on Official Visit” (Sudan Vision)*
- “Press Release from the Sudanese American Academic Dialogue” (Sudan Vision)*

Darfur Peacekeeping Controversy

Government views:

- “Al-Bashir: If the AU is Failing in Darfur then it Should Withdraw from the Region” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- “Wali of North Darfur State Reiterates Rejection of Resolution No. 1706” (Sudan Vision)
- “Ambassador Jamal: Sudan Still Rejects UN Troops in Darfur and Resolution 1706” (The Citizen)
- “Ambassador Osman Al-Saied: African Union Countries Always Get Their Orders from London and Washington” (The Citizen)
- “GONU: UNSC Resolution 1706 Complicates DPA Implementation” (Sudan Vision)

- “Authorities Says Open for Talks on Darfur” (AFP/Khartoum Monitor, The Citizen)

Other reactions:

- “Konare: We Will Not Abandon Our Responsibility in Darfur” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- “Sudanese May be Held Responsible for Darfur - Annan” (UN/The Citizen)
- “Britain: No Effrontery Intended by Vote on Resolution 1706” (Sudan Vision)*
- “British Embassy Says Voting on UN Resolution 1706 Means no Offense” (Sudan Tribune)
- “NA [National Assembly] Opposes Sending War Crime Suspect to ICC” (Sudan Tribune)

Other Darfur News

- “SLM/A Leader Announces DPA Implementation Committee” (Sudan Vision)
- “Committees for DPA Implementation Formed” (The Citizen)
- “Taha, Minnawi Discuss Implementation of Abuja Agreement” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Sudan: Worsening Crises Threatens Entire Region” (UN News Service/The Citizen)

News from South Sudan

- “Committee to Establish Border Demarcation in Juba” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Salva Kiir Opens South Sudan Parliament” (Sudan Vision)
- “Kiir’s 200-day Action Plan Speech in Juba” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Uganda: Landmark Peace Talks Stumble” (IRIN/The Citizen)
- “Uganda’s LRA Rebel Commander Rejects Free Ride” (Xinhua/Sudan Vision)

Other Headlines

- “Al-Sudani Newspaper Suspended for Publication of Reports on Assassination of Mohamed Taha [late editor of Al-Wifaq]” (Al-Ayaam)*
- “Kiir in Juba: Mohamed Taha is a Martyr” (The Citizen)
- “Kiir Conveys Condolences to family of Late Journalist Mohamed Taha” (Sudan Vision)
- “Delegation of U.S. Academics in the Country on Official Visit” (Sudan Vision)*
- “Press Release from Sudanese American Academic Dialogue” (Sudan Vision)*
- “President Al-Bashir to Lead Delegation to NAM [Non Aligned Movement] Summit in Havana” (Sudan Vision)
- “Sudan Frees Two Women Jailed Over Protest Against Price Hikes” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Eastern Front Insists on a VP and 20% of National Assembly Seats” (The Citizen)
- “Four SPLM Ministers to Leave their Positions Soon” (Al-Sudani)

Leading Commentaries

- “UN Should be Held Responsible” (UNSC 1706 has been a stab in the back of the DPA, editorial argues, distracting government and SLM signatories with UN and AU peacekeeping controversies and disrupting the implementation process.) (Sudan Vision) *
- “No Plebiscite Over UN Forces” (Despite NCP claims, editorial suggests, there is no consensus concerning UN deployment in Darfur. The more important priorities, however, are disarmament, along with persuasion of non-signatories to join the DPA.) (Khartoum Monitor)
- “A Race Against Time” (Government reprisals against rebel hold-outs and a new wave of ethnic cleansing by the Janjaweed, editorial argues, have led to a new spike in violence in Darfur; international intervention is needed to stop the atrocities there.) (The Citizen)
- “Sudan and the International Community” (Noting upcoming UNSC meeting on Sudan, Editor Mahgoub Salih criticizes GOS for not using diplomacy to present Sudan’s case more effectively at the UN.) (Al-Ayaam)*
- “A Can-Do State” (Editorial calls on authorities to take decisive measures to uncover the truth about the assassination of late editor of Al-Wifaq, Mohamed Taha.) (Al-Sudani)

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

(Right-click the title and choose “Open Hyperlink”)

Sudan Releases an American Journalist From Jail in Darfur

Paul Salopek, an American journalist held on spying charges after he crossed into Sudan from Chad without a visa last month, was set free on Saturday, along with his Chadian driver and an interpreter.

NY Times, September 9, 2006

Sudan FM heads to Washington to meet US Bush

Minister of Foreign Affairs Lam Akol leaved Saturday evening for Washington on an official visit during which he will convey a message from President Omer al-Bashir to US President George Bush.

Sudan Tribune, September 9, 2006

Sudan ready for talks on Darfur: spokesman

Sudan was ready for talks with the international community on the security situation in the troubled western Sudanese region of Darfur, a spokesman for the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Saturday. Jamal Mohammed Ibrahim said his government "has not closed the door on dialogue" on the Darfur issue.

Xinhua, September 9, 2006

Annan warns Sudan leaders

UN secretary-general Kofi Annan has said that Sudanese leaders who do not act to prevent the Darfur region's continuing atrocities and widespread humanitarian crises will be "collectively and individually" held to account for their failings.

In The News, September 9, 2006

Consultations underway on possible extension of AU mission in Darfur

The Sudanese government and the African Union (AU) were holding intensive consultations on a possible extension of the pan-African body's peacekeeping mission in the troubled Darfur region, local media reported on Saturday.

Xinhua, September 9, 2006

African leaders reiterate rejection of internationalizing Darfur issue

African leaders on Saturday reiterated their rejection of internationalizing the Darfur issue and voiced support for Sudan's refusal to unauthorized deployment of UN peacekeepers in the war-devastated region.

Xinhua, September 9, 2006

Sudanese authorities confiscate newspaper

Sudan authorities confiscated all copies of the independent al-Sudani newspaper on Saturday, the latest move in a resurgence of censorship since the beheading of a journalist last week.

Reuters, September 9, 2006

Sudanese Press Websites:

Al-Wihda
Akhbar Al-Youm

www.Alwahada.com
www.akhbaralyoumsd.net

Rai Al-shaab	www.rayalshaab.info
Al-Watan	www.alwatansudan.com
Al-Shari Al-Siasi	www.sharisiasi.com
Al-Sudani	www.alsudani.info
Al-Khartoum	www.Khartoumnewspaper.com
Sudan News Agency (SUNA)	www.Suna-sd.Net
Sudan Tribune	www.sudantribune.com
Sudan Vision	www.sudanvisiondaily.com

Other Websites for Sudan News:

<http://usinfo.state.gov>

<http://www.state.gov>

<http://allafrica.com>

[Sudan Online](http://www.sol-sd.com)

<http://www.sol-sd.com>

<http://www.Sudanmirror.com>

Sudan Radio Service

<http://www.Sudanradio.org>

<http://Sudan.net>

[Sudaneseonline.com](http://www.Sudaneseonline.com)

<http://www.Sudantribune.com>

<http://smcSudan.net>

www.sudanreeves.org

The African Mission in Sudan

www.amis-sudan.org

IRIN News (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs--SUDAN page)

http://www.irinnews.org/frontpage.asp?SelectRegion=East_Africa&SelectCountry=Sudan

UN News Centre (SUDAN page)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88&Body=Sudan&Body1>

Relief Web (SUDAN page):

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc108?OpenForm&emid=ACOS-636PJQ&rc=1>

Alertnet (SUDAN page)

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/emergency/246397.htm>

Humanitarian Information Center for Darfur:

<http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/darfur/default>

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary

<http://www.coreSudan.com>

Refugees International:

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org>

NATO

<http://www.nato.int/>

U.S. European Command

<http://www.eucom.mil/english/index.asp>

Sudan Information Gateway

United Nations System in the Sudan

www.unsudanig.org

Association for Media Development in South Sudan

www.gurtong.com